

Appln. No. 10/618,552
Amdt. Dated April 22, 2005
Rcply to Office Action of November 5, 2005

REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected most of the claims under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over certain claims of United States Patent No. 6,637,856 B2 (Nishi et al.). Applicant submits herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, and therefore it is respectfully requested that the Examiner's rejection be withdrawn.

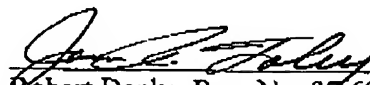
With regard to those claims which were not rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting, these claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103, based on Nishi et al. Applicant respectfully traverses, and respectfully submits that these claims are, in fact, patentable over what is disclosed in Nishi et al.

In the Office Action, the Examiner also objected to several of the claims for lacking antecedent bases. These claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct the problem. The Examiner also objected to the method claims for lacking steps. These claims have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions to correct the problem.

Accordingly, in light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejections and allow all claims in the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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